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AT 0833Z, THE SITE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE TRACKING FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. TACTICAL VOICE AND AS FIDICATE THAT THESE WERE PROBABLY FOUR HANOI GIA LAM-BASED MIG-17'S WHICH WERE LATER TO ENGAGE WITH US AIRCRAFT OVER HOA LAC (SEE SECTION FOUR). AT 0834Z, THE SITE REPORTED "LOCKING-ON" THE TARGET AGAINST WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY LAUNCHED AND AT 0834:41Z, REPORTED A THIRD MISSILE HAD BEEN LAUNCHED ON AN AZIMUTH OF 220 DEGREES, WITH A SITE TO TARGET RANGE OF 11 NMS. DETONATION WAS REPORTED AT 0835:26Z. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, THE CONTROLLER THEN CAUTIONED THE SITE THAT IF THE TARGET HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED "WE WILL NEED THE AAA". IN REPLY, THE SITE STATED THAT THE TARGET HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED AND THAT ANOTHER TARGET WAS APPROACHING ON AN AZIMUTH OF 240 DEGREES, 18.9 NMS FROM THE SITE. AT 0840Z, THE CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED THE SITE TO "TURN TOWARD HANOI. THE TARGET IS GOING THERE ALREADY". THE SITE THEN ASKED FOR THE ALTITUDE OF THE SUSPECTEDLY AIRCRAFT: NO REPLY WAS NOTED. AT 0845Z, THE CONTROLLER AGAIN INSTRUCTED THE SAM BATTALION TO TURN TOWARDS HANOI AND TRACK THE TARGET BUT "DO NOT LAUNCH." (HANOI IS A KNOWN NO-SAM LAUNCH ZONE) THE SPEAKER AT THE SITE THEN QUERIED THE CONTROLLER IF THERE WERE ANY RESULTS OF THE FIRINGS: THE CONTROLLER REPLIED, "THEY ARE NOT TOO CLEAR ABOUT IT", AND THAT AT DA VIF (PROBABLY BA VI MOUNTAIN) THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF A SHOOTDOWN. AT 0848Z, THE SPEAKER AT THE SITE REPORTED A PARACHUTE DESCENDING FROM ONE TO 1.5 NMS FROM HIS POSITION. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATED THAT BETWEEN 0842Z AND 0844Z, DAGGER FLIGHT (FOUR F4'S) WERE ENGAGED BY THE FOUR MIG-17'S, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, AND DAGGER FOUR WAS SHOTDOWN DURING THE RESULTING ENGAGEMENTS. US PILOTS ALSO REPORTED PARACHUTE AT A POSITION CORRESPONDING CLOSELY TO THAT REPORTED BY THE SA SITE. AT 0849Z, THE CONTROLLER REPORTED THAT THE TARGET WAS GOING BACK TO HANOI AND INSTRUCTED THE SITE TO TRACK THE TARGET WHEN "THEY TURN BACK". AT 0850Z, THE SITE REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AND A MINUTE LATER, THE CONTROLLER INFORMED THE SITE THAT AIRCRAFT WERE HEADED TOWARDS THE SITE. FOLLOWING THIS EXCHANGE, A POST-ENGAGEMENT CONVERSATION ENSUED BETWEEN THE CONTROLLER AND VI475. THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THIS CONVERSATION ARE: A. AFTER THE INITIAL THREE LAUNCHES THE SAM BATTALION COULD NOT FIRE BECAUSE US AIRCRAFT EMITTED "TOO MUCH JAMMING", AND THE AIRCRAFT HAD DECREASED THEIR ALTITUDES. B. THE CONTROLLER ADMONISHED THE BATTALION: "94, 95: 848, +, STAT-ING THAT, "YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF HANOI. "C. WHEN THE BATTALION SUGGESTED HE WAS UNABLE TO FIRE AT A RANGE OF 5.4 NMS, THE CONTROLLER STATED THAT FIRINGS ARE OFTEN CONDUCTED AT THIS RANGE. THE BATTALION REPLIED THAT THE AZIMUTH RATE OF CHANGE OF THE TARGET WAS THREE DEGREES PER SECOND, SUGGESTING THIS WAS OUTSIDE ALLOWABLE TOLERANCES. D. THE BATTALION WAS UNABLE TO TRACK THE USAF AIRCRAFT WHILE THEY WERE OVER HANOI AND AS THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THE HANOI AREA THE BATTALION REPORTED THAT ITS AAA HAD FIRED. E. 8, +3: -55-089,

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4309453: 1848, + 5133 -DDITIONAL MISSILES IN THEAREA OF HOA LAC AIRFIELD AT AN UNKNOWN TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE INITIAL FIRING DURING 0832Z TO 0834Z. AT 0834Z, DRV TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUND STATION INFORMING A MIG PILOT THAT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE BEING LAUNCHED IN THE VICINITY OF "DA VI". THESE ARE POSSIBLY THE SAME MISSILES, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED V1475 AS LAUNCHING AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME IN A POST-LAUNCH REPORT. AFTER HAVING FIRED THESE PROBABLE SIX MISSILES THE SITE REPORTED HAVING ONLY ONE MISSILE ON HAND. A REVIEW OF DRV SAM MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO 12 MAY INDICATED THIS BATTALION (V1475) HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE AT LEAST 03 MAY. AT 0616Z, THE REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER TOLD SAM BATTALION V1472 (2056N 10558E) THAT THE SAM BATTALION WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS V1475 HAD FIRED TWO MISSILES. ON 08 MAY AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION UNSUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AGAINST USAF AIRCRAFT (SEE PAAR - 2406/VCK-E/R9'18' SECTION TWO). THIS BATTALION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS V1475. SAM SITE V1180 WAS PHOTOGRAPHED OCCUPIED ON 07 MAY AND CORRELATES WITH THIS SAM BATTALION. XXXX 899 XXXX

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